

**WHEREAS**, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and the trafficking of drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in education and drug demand reduction, coupled with the hard work and determination of organizations such as the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League to foster a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, governments and community leaders know that citizen support is one of the most effective tools in the effort to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was murdered in the line of duty, and represents the belief that one person can make a difference; and

**WHEREAS**, October 23-31 has been designated as National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims October 23-31, 2023, as

***“RED RIBBON WEEK”***

in the City of Coconut Creek and encourages all citizens to join this special observance to keep our community safe, healthy, and drug-free.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and caused the seal of  
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed  
this 12th day of October 2023.**